

SLEEP FOR BABY MOST ESSENTIAL

Sarah Writes Irene Another Letter That Will Help Girls in Herald's Essay Contest.

PRIZES ARE ON DISPLAY

Contest Editor Urges Competitors to Start Framing Their Essay—Practice, You Know, Makes Perfect.

Public school girls who have set their hearts on winning one of the beautiful gold watches or bracelets in The Washington Herald's "better baby" essay contest should begin writing NOW. You have more than two weeks—until May 6—in which to send in your essay, but practice makes perfect. If you rewrite it six times it will be better than if you send in the first draft.

If you haven't made up your mind to enter the contest, don't think you are too late. It is still early, for The Herald has printed only half of the short articles it has secured to aid you in writing your essay.

And don't think that because you are only in the third grade you will stand a chance of winning over your older sister who is in the seventh grade. Your position in school will be taken into consideration by the judges.

Last Sunday The Herald began a series of short articles. They will continue until Saturday. They tell you all about baby in language that every school girl can understand. If you have read the three already printed, begin now to frame your essay. If you have just become interested in the contest, read the remaining four articles and you will know just as much about baby as any other girl.

You Should See the Prizes.
If you haven't seen the prizes go down town this evening. They will be on exhibition until the end of the contest in the window of Charles Schaefer & Son, jewelers, at 708 Seventh street northwest. The prizes—two gold watches and two bracelets—are from the best stock of this reliable store.

Now comes the fourth letter from "Sarah," the city mother, to "Irene," the country mother, on "Baby's Sleep."

"My dear Irene: So your real difficulty is in regard to the baby's lack of sleep. I am so sorry, for I hear occasionally through someone else how troublesome that is. Often have I had to lend a sympathetic ear, and more than once have I seen wonderful reformations, first in the baby and then in the mother, due to a change from sleepless to restful nights.

Regularity Important.
"The when and the where and the how of a baby's sleep are all so important. The most important thing of all is regularity. With my baby at 1 month there was very little difficulty, for she slept all the time she was not eating or bathing. Do you realize that means about 20 to 22 hours out of the 24? Then she began to stay awake between her first and second morning feedings, and soon I began keeping her awake between 4 and 6 in the afternoon. Now she takes a nap only in the middle of the day and plays happily most of the other time. At one time my mother's sister was with us for about ten days. It took nearly three weeks for us to get over the effects of the spoiled condition of our baby. I sigh when I think of it, and am hoping for no more visitors for the present. Except Sam's mother, who approves of our methods and is always such a help!

"I early learned that little sleeps much better with plenty of fresh air. I bundle her up good and warm and put her in her carriage and place it outside by the front door. We haven't a porch nor a good back yard, so our neighbors know just what we are doing and at first predicted all kinds of bad consequences for us. I believe most of them have faith in this method now, as we feel quite proud. In connection with the fresh air sleeping, I must tell you an incident to show the need of some common sense occasionally. A neighbor had a very nice baby who slept beautifully in the daytime but refused to sleep at night except by fits and starts. Of course the tendency was to sleep more and more in the daytime and so less and less at night.

"Things were getting very unhappy in the home. And what do you suppose was the trouble? The baby had much fresh air in the daytime through sleeping out of doors but at night the mother carefully closed all the openings to the room where the baby slept, except one window at the bottom for a few inches. Do you suppose she had in mind that old idea of night air being unhealthy for people? At any rate, that little disturber of the peace, with plenty of fresh air in his room at night, became a most contented and happy baby. Such a change hardly seems possible, does it, until one has tried it.

Quiet Place Essential.
"Traffic in the street is one of my special objections to having our baby out front. Babies really need a quiet and clean place, and front yards are neither. But one can't have everything and, fortunately, our street is fairly quiet. That is certainly one thing you can have, quiet!

"One poor mother I knew about had her baby sleeping with her because she could not afford a crib. She did not know until told about it, how very bad that was for her little one. She was able to purchase a clothes basket but there are many who use drygoods boxes. Some mothers are so fortunate as to have window sleeping boxes; of them I am truly envious.

"There is one thing that has not begun to affect us yet this season. Very soon we shall be afflicted with flies. I understand one of the worst things we can do is to allow one of those filthy creatures even to touch the baby. That means that besides having a net for the carriage we shall have to buy netting and tack it in the windows. We can't buy screens, good ones, and those folding ones are not really fly proof. I presume your home is all well screened, but don't forget baby!

"On the whole, Irene, I should say the most important things about sleep for a baby are,—regular hours with going to bed near 8 o'clock, plenty of comfortable clothing suited to the weather, much fresh air and protection from dust, noise, and glare. Which of these is your trouble?

Your Friend,
"SARAH."

FILMS BURN ON WARSHIP.
Philadelphia, April 18.—Motion picture films, valued at \$10,000, leased by the blue-jackets of the United States battleship Kansas, were destroyed by a fire aboard Uncle Sam's sea fighter while the warship was in Guantanamo Bay at the spring target practice on April 5. The Kansas was badly damaged by the fire, and it is estimated the damage will amount to about \$20,000 to \$25,000. It was not until today that any information regarding the fire was disclosed.

While the crew was busy engaged in the target practice there was an explosion, and smoke and flames burst from the film-stocked storeroom. About thirty feet away there were 20 rounds of fixed ammunition.

The Kansas will go into drydock at League Island navy yard for general repairs tomorrow.

Window Display at Berberich's Avenue Store Shows Shoes Worn by the European Soldiers



Rules for the Better Baby Essay Contest

1. Essays are to be on the general subject, "How to Care for Baby."
2. Essays may deal with any phase of the baby's life, his food, clothing, bath, sleeping facilities, and summer and winter care, etc.
3. Essays should be based on the articles published daily from April 16 to 22.
4. Essays must contain not more than 400 words.
5. Essays should be addressed, "The Washington Herald Better Baby Editor."
6. Essays must be in The Herald office, 427 Eleventh street northwest, before 6 o'clock on the evening of May 6.
7. Essays will be turned over to five judges on Monday, May 8.
8. Contest will be open to all girls of the public graded and high schools.
9. Essays should be written on one side of the paper only, with the writer's name, age, address, school and grade on the first page.
10. Prizes will consist of a beautiful gold watch and a gold bracelet for the two high school girls writing the best essays and a gold watch and gold bracelet for the two winning graded school girls.

"SUFFS" TO SEEK AID OF MR. CARLIN TODAY

Delegation Will Endeavor to Change Virginian's View on Suffrage.

More than fifty suffragists, representing many States, will be included in a delegation to call upon Representative Carlin of Virginia, this morning at 10 o'clock to urge him to change his attitude on the Federal suffrage amendment and use his influence to secure a favorable report of the House Judiciary Committee at once.

The Southern States will be represented by Mrs. C. C. Huntington and Miss Minnie Brabson, of Chattanooga; Mrs. Mary M. Berry, of Richmond; Mrs. Fanny Burke, of Virginia; Mrs. Barber, of Texas; Mrs. Samuel M. Canby, of South Carolina; Miss Virginia Arnold, of North Carolina, and Mrs. Spencer Murray, of Baltimore.

Mrs. J. A. Keating, of Oregon; Mrs. M. W. Stanley, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Ella Dean, of California, will represent the women voters. The delegation will be headed by Miss Maud Younger, of California, acting chairman of the Union's national legislative committee.

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SEES WAR'S END IN CONSERVATION

Pinchot Tells Scientists Cooperation Idea May Mean Lasting World Peace.

GIVEN HARTLEY MEDAL

Prof. Cleveland Abbe and Prof. A. O. Leuschner Also Honored with Gifts at Academy Banquet.

Extension of the conservation movement throughout the world may bring the end of all war and lasting peace, declared Gifford Pinchot, former Chief of the United States Forest Service, who was honored last night by the National Academy of Sciences at its annual banquet at the Raleigh Hotel with the Marcellus Hartley medal "for eminence in the application of science to the public welfare."

Mr. Pinchot said that if conservation is a good thing on one continent, it should be good for the entire world, and that "after the present war the co-operative use of the world's resources for the benefit of all mankind might be made one of the ties for bringing about a lasting world peace."

A similar medal was presented to Prof. Cleveland Abbe, of this city, organizer of the United States Weather Service, on account of ill health he could not be present and the medal was received for him by Prof. Charles F. Marvin, Chief of the Weather Bureau. The only former recipients of this medal have been Maj. Gen. Goethals and Surg. Gen. Gorgas.

List of Guests and Diners.
The Watson medal "for the promotion of astronomical science" was given to Prof. A. O. Leuschner, of the University of California.

Guests at the banquet were: Gifford Pinchot, Prof. Cauley, of the Sorbonne, Paris; Charles F. Marvin, Chief of the Weather Bureau; H. A. Pillsbury, Philadelphia; John R. Freeman, Providence; Prof. John Brashear, Pittsburgh; Prof. Carpenter, of Cornell; A. P. Davis, Fielding H. Garrison and Paul Brockett, all of this city, and E. W. Brown, of Yale University.

Members of the Academy present were: Charles G. Abbot, George P. Becker, B. B. Boltwood, H. A. Brumstead, D. H. Campbell, W. E. Cannon, James McK. Cattell, W. B. Clark, F. W. Clarke, J. M. Clarke, E. G. Conklin, J. M. Coulter, Whitman Cross, W. H. Dall, C. B. Davenport, W. H. Davis, A. Day, H. B. Donaldson, J. W. Fawcett, G. S. Hall, Arnold Hague, G. E. Hale, R. A. Harper, W. F. Hillebrand, W. H. Holmes, J. P. Iddings, A. O. Leuschner, Jacques Loeb, F. P. Mall, S. J. Meisler, L. B. Mendel, Ernest Merritt.

AVIATORS RAID TRIESTE

Italian and French Airmen Attack Austrian City and Return.

Rome, April 18.—News of a successful air raid on Trieste by an Italian and three French hydroplanes, one of which today, the aviators all returned safely.

The Austrians launched an aerial raid on Venice, it is also announced, but were driven off by the Italian guns, one of their machines being shot down into the sea and the two occupants, both of whom were officers, were made prisoners.